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NALEO Educational Fund to Convene Policymakers to Address Implementation of New Education Accountability Systems

*Latino student success at the forefront of two-day meeting with education experts and
policymakers from across the Southwest*

Washington, DC – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, the nation’s preeminent Latino leadership organization, will convene more than 60 Latino school board members from across the Southwest to discuss the implementation of policies that address new education accountability systems.

The event will take place March 7 – 8 at Rancho Bernardo Inn as part of the NALEO Education Leadership Initiative’s (NELI) *Policy Institute on School Governance: Implementing New Accountability Systems* in San Diego, Calif. This convening offers a two-day intensive seminar where school board members from Texas, Calif., Nev., N.M., Wash., Utah, Ore., Colo. and Ariz., will participate in a series of informational panels, workshops and strategy sessions aimed at creating and enacting effective policies that are critical to the academic success of Latino students.

Local school boards play a crucial role in preparing all children to be successful academically and to be productive citizens of their communities. As the second largest student population group in the United States, the educational attainment of Latino students is intrinsically connected to the future success of our nation. The steady growth of this student population makes it imperative that Latino students benefit from and have access to high quality educational experiences.

The NELI Policy Institute curriculum will address several of the new education accountability systems that states and school districts will be implementing in 2014 and beyond. These include an update on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility Waivers, the implementation of college and career ready standards, and equitable school funding.

Participants will have the opportunity to develop strategic partnerships with other elected officials and engage in informational panels, working sessions and strategy groups designed to help them become more effective, well-informed advocates for their students, families and communities. In addition, participants will engage in structured discussions with leading education experts from various sectors.

A full schedule is available on the NALEO Educational Fund website at http://www.naleo.org/institutes/NELI_SanDiego_2014.

What: NELI *Policy Institute on School Governance: Implementing New Accountability Systems*

When: March 7-8, 2014

Where: Rancho Bernardo Inn
Santiago II & III
17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive
San Diego, CA 92128

Media: **This is event is open to the press. Advance registration is required.**

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About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.